GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:32
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005
PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether private detective agencies are mushrooming across the country and are invading the privacy of individuals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring all these detective agencies in the ambit of law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 32 FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2005 REGARDING PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES.

(a) to (d): As "Police" and "Public Order" are State Subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is for the State Governments/UT Administrations to regulate the activities of the Private Detective Agencies. The Central Government does not maintain data regarding the number of Private Detective Agencies operating in the country. However, the Central Government has initiated action to enact a model law to regulate the activities of private detective agencies in the country by the respective State/Union Territory Governments, in continuation of similar regulation regarding Private Security Agencies.